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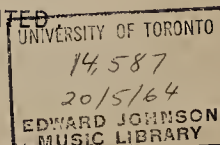
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Non troppo Allegro.

VOICE.

PIANO.

*p* tranquillo.

*p*

I hear thee speak.... of the

*p*

Bet - ter Land,... Thou call'st its child - ren a hap - py band,....

*cres:*

Mo-ther, where... is that ra-diant shore, Shall we not seek it,

*cres:*

shall we not seek it, and weep no more?... Is it

*cres:*

where the flow'r of the o-range blows, And the fire-flies dance thro' the

*cres:*

*Lento.*

myr-tle boughs?..... Not there, not there my

*Lento.*

*dim:* *e* *rall:* *p*

*Ad.*



*Tempo 19*

child.

*p tranquillo.*

*mf*

Is it far a - way..... in some re - gion old,.... Where the

*p*

*cres.*

ri - vers wan - der o'er sands of gold, Where the burn - ing rays.... of the

*cres.*

ru - by shine, And the dia - mond lights up, the dia - mond lights up.... the

*cres: ed agitato.*

se - cret mine,... And the pearl gleams forth... from the

*cres.*

co - ral strand. Is it there, sweet mo - - ther, that Bet - ter Land, Is it

there, sweet mo - ther, that Bet - - ter Land?.....

..... Not there, not there, my

Tempo 19  
child.  
pp tranquillo.  
rall:

*Molto Andante.**tranquillamente.*

Eye hath not seen it, my gen- tle boy, Ear hath not heard its deep

*Molto Andante.*

*p* *pesante.*

songs of joy, Dreams can not pic- ture a world so fair,

*cres:*

*cres:*

Sor- row and death, sor- row and death may not en- ter there;...

Time doth not breathe on its fade- less bloom, on its fade- less bloom,

*sempre cres:*

*sempre cres:*



Far be - yond, . . . beyond the clouds, Far be -

*dim.*

*ff*

- yond, . . . beyond the tomb; . . . Far be - yond the clouds and be - yond the tomb, It is

*dim.* *cres.*

there, *rit.* it is there, my child, it is there, 'tis

*ff* *rit.*

*ff con tutta la forza.*

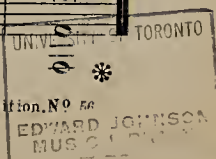
there! . . . .

*ff* *rit.* *ff*

*And.*

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